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SUBJ: ITU: CCITT PLENARY ASSEMBLY: SITREP I

1. PLENARY ASSEMBLY COMMENCED ON SEPTEMBER 26. AS FORESEEN, LOCHER (SWITZERLAND) WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN BY ACCLAMATION, AS WERE FOLLOWING VICE CHAIRMEN: HEADS OF DELS OF U.S., BRAZIL, USSR, TOGO AND INDIA. ROUTINE WELCOMING SPEECHES WERE GIVEN BY RETIRING CCITT DIRECTOR CROZE AND SYG MILI.

2. THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES WERE ESTABLISHED.

A - REVIEW OF PAST WORK

CHAIRMAN: VANDENBERG (NETHERLANDS)

VICE CHAIRMAN: DORAN VEEVERS (CANADA)

B - FUTURE WORK AND STUDY GROUPS

CHAIRMAN: WILLAIMS (UK)

VICE CHAIRMAN: KATONA DIS (HUNGARY)

C - BUDGET CONTROL

CHAIRMAN: BAUDAZZI (ITALY)

VICE CHAIRMAN: HERNANDEZ (MEXICO)

D - HANDBOOKS AND SEMINARS

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CHAIRMAN: GRAVEL (AUSTRALIA)

VICE CHAIRMAN: BELHADJ (ALGERIA)

E - EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN: LAROCLETTE (FRANCE)

MEMBERS: COLEMAN (UK)

RODRIGUEZ (SPAIN)

3. PLENARY APPROVED THE PROCEDURES FOR ELECTION OF THE NEW DIRECTOR AS PROPOSED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL AND CLOSED NOMINATIONS. NO NEW CANDIDATES WERE ADDED TO THE SIX NAMES PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE FIRST BALLOT WOULD TAKE PLACE THE AFTERNOON OF THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30; SECOND AND THIRD BALLOTS ARE SCHEDULED FOR MORNING AND AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 1; FOURTH AND SUCCEEDING BALLOTS, IF NECESSARY, WILL TAKE PLACE DURING THE FOLLOWING WEEK.

4. AS OF THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 28, THERE WERE 364 DELEGATES ACTUALLY REGISTERED, REPRESENTING 83 COUNTRIES. MEMBERS THUS FAR REGISTERED INCLUDE NORTH KOREA (FOR FIRST TIME AT AN ITU CONFERENCE), CUBA AND LAOS. NO VIETNAM DELEGATION HAS SHOWN AS YET.

5. UP TO NOW, DEBATE HAS BEEN ROUTINE AND THERE HAVE BEEN NON SURPRISES. NO POLITICAL ISSUES HAVE ARISEN, ALTHOUGH THE CHINESE DELEGATION GAVE AN EFFUSIVE ADDRESS WELCOMING THE PARTICIPATION OF THE NORTH KOREAN ADMINISTRATION.CATTO

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